



APPROVED JULY 19, 2007

IGIC Board Meeting Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2007
10:00-12:00 IGIC Business
Cripe Architects & Engineers
7172 Graham Road
Indianapolis, IN

Introductions

Larry Stout, IGIC President, called the meeting to order at 10:10. A quorum was achieved and attendees introduced themselves (list follows the minutes). Larry thanked Jim Sparks for the use of the facilities.

Approval of Agenda

After initial review of the agenda, it was agreed that updates on the Across Indiana television feature and the 2008 NAIP orthophotography project be added.

Approval of Minutes

Larry Stout asked for clarification in the minutes regarding the current number of Board members. Jim Stout moved the minutes from the March meeting be approved. Deb Martin seconded and the motion passed.

Financials

Shaun Scholer, IGIC Treasurer, reported on the organization's financial activities. There was an expected spike in cash following the conference. The overall income from the event was somewhat lower than last year, but within the projected range.

Shaun, Jenny Dubeansky and Jill Saligoe-Simmel have reviewed the annual budget, and compiled projections for the remainder of the year. It is important that IGIC begin identifying additional sources of revenue. Shaun indicated it would be addressed in more detail during the committee planning meeting this afternoon.

Jill Saligoe-Simmel moved the financial report be accepted. Kevin Mickey seconded and motion passed.

IGIC Projects (Jill Saligoe-Simmel)

Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) Cooperative Agreement Program (CAP)

Regional Address Facilitator (\$100,000)

IGIC was not awarded this grant. However, similar proposals have been submitted to other funding sources (see USGS Partnership below).

Return on Investment (ROI) Study (\$50,000)

IGIC was awarded \$50,000 to develop a statewide Return on Investment study (i.e. business case) for framework data. As part of this grant, Jill attended the annual conference for the National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC) in March, which included a workshop for CAP grant awardees. At the workshop, awardees were given details on a project sponsored by the FGDC and contracted to the Geospatial Information and Technology Association (GITA). GITA developed a template and workbooks for geospatial data Return on Investment studies. The material is thorough, and will be a good starting point for the more complex Indiana study. FGDC has indicated they would like to use the Indiana project as a case study for a statewide framework data ROI. It will mean a lot of attention for Indiana GIS. Project completion is slated for late November, in time to use the results for the legislative session, and to inform future budgeting activities.

The ROI study will entail quantifying as much information as possible to document the investment in Indiana GIS and its benefits statewide. It will include GIS projects, projects that rely on GIS, and other efforts (e.g. orthophotography data distribution). Information will come from university, State, local, and regional sources, and will show who is making the investment, and who is benefiting from it.

Jill will be the lead for the project, and will identify a counterpart at the State who can work closely with budgeting agencies to compile information on expenditures. There is also an economist at Indiana University who has experience with ROI studies, and who will be approached. There will also be a private sector component.

US Geological Survey Partnership Funds (\$288,000 or \$100,000)

The US Geological Survey (USGS) asked several organizations who submitted unsuccessful proposals for CAP grants to resubmit them for alternate funding. IGIC proposed developing a Regional Address Facility: integrating local address data (extract, transform and load) into a single system which is routinely updated. Up to 20 counties would participate in the pilot, which includes funds for contractors working with County governments. It would offer an opportunity to build off the recently-released national addressing standard compiled by the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA) to create a cookbook for the integration process.

Dave Nail, Indiana's USGS liaison, reported that the proposal has tentatively been accepted, though there has not been an official confirmation. Depending on internal USGS administrative deadlines, IGIC will either receive \$288,000 or \$100,000.

National Institute of Justice Grant (\$470,000)

Award decisions for this proposal will not be announced until the fall. It is similar to the addressing project submitted to the USGS (above), with a concentration on Indiana Department of Correction (DOC) needs: parolee, offender, and sex offender management. The DOC also submitted a second grant last month with a GIS component that IGIC will perform if awarded.

IndianaView Outreach Grant (\$5,000)

This is a relatively small grant awarded in May. Members of the Education & Outreach Committee will create a series of presenter kits to be used by individuals to explain GIS concepts to specific target audiences.

US Department of Agriculture: 2008 National Agriculture Imagery Program (NAIP)

The USDA, through the National Agriculture Imagery Program (NAIP), acquires leaf-on color orthophotography every 5 years. 2008 is the next scheduled year in the rotation. Bruce Nielsen of USDA-NRCS asked: Considering that the proposed 4-year rotation schedule for Indiana orthophotography updates has not been funded, would there be value in Indiana paying for the USDA to upgrade the resolution of the NAIP photography from 1-meter to 1/2-meter? The NAIP photography is:

- Leaf-on
- Flown May-July
- 4-band
- 1-meter
- 1:12,000 scale
- Horizontal accuracy to within 3 meters of 1998 black & white imagery
- UTM projection
- Cost to Indiana: \$700,000 for upgrade to 1/2-meter (\$188,000 without)

After some discussion, it was determined that having the imagery orthorectified to the 2005 elevation data was key to its value, more so than higher resolution. Bruce will research whether or not orthorectification is possible. The contract will not be put out for bidding until the winter.

Board members were asked to determine interest levels and potential funding opportunities in their sectors before the next Board meeting, when it will be decided whether or not to pursue the project.

Legislation Update (Jill Saligoe-Simmel)

The IndianaMap legislation was signed into law by the governor Wednesday, May 9th. This was a truly bipartisan effort - sponsored by a Republican in the Senate and a Democrat in the House - and was one of the only bills to pass both chambers unopposed. Jill thanked everyone for their hard work over the last several years to make this possible.

The bill establishes a governor-appointed GIS Officer for the State. Administratively, the position will be in the State Data Center at the State Library; in practice it will be housed at the Indiana Office of Technology (IOT) where there is funding. Although the new law created the position and a nonreverting fund, it did not appropriate money for it. We are fortunate IOT stepped forward. IOT has been working with the Center of Excellence

to create a job description and put names forward for the governor to consider. This qualifications-based position will also be posted to the State's website, and open to all candidates. If anyone is interested, they are asked to submit their name to Jill or Larry Stout. The law goes into effect July 1st, which is assumed to be the approximate target date to fill the position.

In addition to continuing to work cooperatively with all stakeholders, IGIC will have specific responsibilities under the new law: forming a committee to be Indiana's Geographic Names Authority chaired by the GIO; developing framework data standards; developing a statewide data integration plan; developing data exchange agreements. Recommendations on the results of these activities will be given to the GIO for approval.

Sexual Harassment Policy (Larry Stout)

The National Institute of Justice requires that all grant recipients have a sexual harassment policy in place. IGIC has submitted a proposal to NIJ, which prompted the creation of this draft. After the Board reviewed the policy, Jill Saligoe-Simmel moved it be accepted. Kevin Mickey seconded and the motion passed.

Staffing (Jenny Dubeansky)

Jenny Dubeansky will be leaving IGIC to return to school in Bloomington. Her last day will be August 17th. She will work with the Executive Committee to draft an employment agreement to continue remotely working for IGIC part time. Plans for hiring a replacement are contingent upon funding from the US Geological Survey.

News, Announcements, and Board Member Projects

Institute for the Application of Geospatial Technology (Christine McCullough) - The two staff members at IAGT who were contacts for the project have since left the organization. Christine has been attempting to contact the new lead, Jessica Coughlin.

Christine also reported that a project is being sent through Congress which will approve \$1.775M to create a single portal for all emergency managers. She will keep the Board apprised of any developments.

US Geological Survey (Dave Nail) – In addition to working with IGIC, the USGS has signed cooperative agreements with IMAGIS and Allen County to acquire orthophotography as part of the 133 Urban Areas project. Dave is also working to find stewardship for the national Hydrology Dataset at the State level.

State Center of Excellence for GIS (Joel Bump) – As a result of the new legislation, the Center of Excellence will be working closely with the new GIO, and will invite the State Library to send a representative.

Joel also reported that the State Land Office has begun work digitizing their records, beginning with parcel data. The conversion process should begin this summer, and will include a public interface.

National States Geographic Information Council (Jill Saligoe-Simmel) – Jill announced that the annual NSGIC meeting, scheduled for September 23-28, 2008, will take place in Madison Wisconsin. She encourages any interested parties to attend, and has offered to carpool.

Northwest Indiana GIS Forum (Becky McKinley) – The Forum received a CAP grant to continue metadata education and services, with a focus on the newly revived Lake Rim GIS project. She encourages people to fill out the online survey which will guide the development of the Lake Rim GIS website.

Across Indiana Television Feature (Jill Saligoe-Simmel) – The IndianaMap was featured on the local award-winning PBS show Across Indiana Tuesday evening. It will be shown on other PBS stations around the state in the coming week. The producers will be sending a copy to IGIC, so it can be posted online and distributed. They have also expressed an interest in following the project in the future.

Indiana University-UIITS (Anna Radue) – Anna announced that UIITS has received a Special Achievement Award from ESRI for their work in promoting Indiana GIS, and specifically for distributing the 2005 orthophotography.

Strategic Plan

After the Board reviewed the IGIC 2007-9 Strategic Plan, Kevin Mickey moved the document be accepted. Bruce Nielsen seconded and the motion passed.

Attendees

Board Members

Name	Organization	Mar	May	Jul	Sept	Nov	Jan
Steve Adams	Duke Energy	X	P				
Charline Avey	Veolia Water	X	X				
Michael Baise	Indiana Farm Bureau	X					
Jim Binkley	Scottsburg Municipal Electric Utility		X				
Matt Brase	Indiana Association of Cities and Towns	X					
Matt Colley	IN Underground Plant Protection Service						
Jeff Coates	TrueNorth & Associates	X	X				
Dax Denton	Association of Indiana Counties	X	P				
Lisa Gehlhausen	Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission	X	P				
Irv Goldblatt	IN State Center of Excellence for GIS	X	P				
Bill Holder	Kosciusko County	X	X				
Steven Hook	Noble County	X	X				
Kevin Jordan	Schrader Real Estate & Auction Co						
Jason Lovell	Lt Governor's Office of Energy & Defense						
Tom Mahon	IN Society of Professional Land Surveyors	X	X				
Deb Martin	City of South Bend	X	X				
Christina McCoullough	Indiana National Guard	X	X				
Becky McKinley	Northwest Indiana GIS Forum	X	X				
Kevin Mickey	The Polis Center at IUPUI	X	X				
David Nail	US Geological Survey	X	X				
Bruce Nielsen	US Department of Agriculture - NRCS	X	X				
Kent Park	EarthData International	X	X				
Neil Pickett	Office of the Governor						
Anna Radue	Indiana University	X	X				
Shaun Scholer	Treasurer	X	X				
David Smoll	Indiana County Surveyors Association	X	P				
Jim Sparks	Cripe Architects & Engineers	X	X				
Jim Stout	IMAGIS	X	X				
Larry Stout	Hamilton County	X	X				
Bob Weaver	Hoosier Heartland / IASWCD, Inc.	X					
Phil Worrall	Pinnacle Mapping Technologies	X	X				

Proxies

Tim Hoeflich for Steve Adams	Duke Energy
Tom Mosley for Lisa Gehlhausen	Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission
Joel Bump for Irv Goldblatt	Indiana State Center of Excellence
Jill Saligoe-Simmel for Dax Denton	Indiana Geographic Information Council
John Milburn for David Smoll	Indiana county Surveyor's Association

Guests

Betty Kiechle	Lake County Surveyor's Office
Steve Leatherman	WTH Engineering
Jen Whitacre	eMap International
Lorraine Wright	Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Paul Irwin	Indiana Geological Survey

Mike Morris	Cripe Architects & Engineers
Bob Wilkinson	Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Jim Hill	Indiana Department of Transportation

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Jennifer Dubeansky	Indiana Geographic information Council
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